

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

1. (currently amended) A method of achieving contraception in a woman comprising daily administering orally to said woman, from the first day of her cycle and for at least 21 days, a pharmaceutical composition comprising (i) about 0.3 mg to about 3 mg of estradiol, an ester thereof or an equine conjugated estrogen and (ii) about 1.5 mg to about 3.75 mg of norgestrel acetate.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises 1.5 mg of estradiol.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises 2 mg of ester of estradiol.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the ester of estradiol is estradiol valerate.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises 0.625 mg of equine conjugated estrogen.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises 2.5 mg of norgestrel acetate.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the composition comprises 2.5 mg of norgestrel acetate.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition comprises 2.5 mg of norgestrel acetate.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the composition comprises 2.5 mg of norgestrel acetate.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the composition comprises 2.5 mg of norgestrel acetate.

Claim 11 (canceled).

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition is administered for up to 25 days.

13. (currently amended) A contraceptive product for oral administration comprising at least 21 and up to 25 dosage forms comprising (i) about 0.3 mg to about 3 mg of estradiol, an ester thereof or an equine conjugated estrogen and (ii) about 1.5 mg to about 3.75 mg of norgestrel acetate.

14. (previously presented) The product of claim 13, wherein the dosage forms comprise 1.5 mg of estradiol and 2.5 mg of norgestrel acetate.

15. (previously presented) The product of claim 13, wherein the dosage forms are tablets.

16. (previously presented) The product of claim 14, wherein the dosage forms are tablets.

17. (currently amended) A method of achieving contraception in a woman comprising daily administering orally to said woman, from the first day of her cycle and for 21 days to 28 days, a composition comprising (i) about 0.3 mg to about 3 mg of estradiol, an ester thereof or an equine conjugated estrogen and (ii) about 0.1 mg to about 2.5 mg of norgestrel acetate.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the composition comprises about 0.5 mg to about 2 mg of estradiol, an ester thereof or an equine conjugated estrogen.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the composition comprises about 0.1 mg to about 1.25 mg of norgestrel acetate.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the composition comprises about 0.3 mg to about 1.25 mg of norgestrel acetate.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the composition comprises about 0.1 mg to about 1.25 mg of norgestrel acetate.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the composition comprises about 0.3 mg to about 1.25 mg of nomegestrol acetate.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the composition comprises 1 mg of estradiol and 0.312 mg of nomegestrol acetate.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the composition comprises 1 mg of estradiol and 0.625 mg of nomegestrol acetate.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the composition comprises 1.5 mg of estradiol and 0.625 mg of nomegestrol acetate.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the composition comprises 2 mg of estradiol and 0.625 mg of nomegestrol acetate.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, which further comprises administering to the woman a placebo for the balance of the 28 day cycle whereby an effective control of the menstrual cycle is ensured.

Claim 28 (canceled).

29. (currently amended) A contraceptive product for oral administration comprising 21 to 28 dosage forms comprising (i) about 0.3 mg to about 3 mg of estradiol, an ester thereof or an equine conjugated estrogen and (ii) about 0.1 mg to about 2.5 mg of nomegestrol acetate.

30. (previously presented) The product of claim 29, wherein the dosage forms comprise about 0.5 mg to about 2 mg of estradiol, an ester thereof or an equine conjugated estrogen.

31. (previously presented) The product of claim 30, wherein the dosage forms comprise about 2.5 mg of nomegestrol acetate.

32. (previously presented) The product of claim 29, wherein the dosage forms are tablets.

33. (previously presented) The product of claim 29, further comprising 1 to 7 dosage forms comprising a placebo.